

Unified Command Joint News Release



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UPDATE: Oil spill regulators respond to platform spill off the coast

SANTA BARBARA, Calif. – Clean up operations from the oil spill that occurred 6 miles offshore Santa Barbara County early Sunday morning, have concluded for the evening. Assessments as of Monday evening showed nearly all recoverable product as being removed with only a large area of light sheen remaining and dissipating slowly.

An assessment of the recovery operations will commence tomorrow morning with the first light fly over at 7 a.m. and 4 vessels from contractor, Clean Seas, will remain ready to conduct sorbent sweeps as necessary to recover any remaining sheen. Scientific models show that the location of the remaining sheen will be shifting slightly, but responders do not anticipate the sheen impacting the shoreline.

The United States Coast Guard, California Department of Fish and Game Office of Spill Prevention and Response (OSPR), and the responsible party, DCOR, LLC established a unified command Monday morning and continue to manage cleanup and recovery efforts. At the conclusion of today's cleanup efforts, responders reported 1,344 gallons of product were recovered.

Yesterday, a finger-sized hole was found in an oil pump line on Platform A, operated by DCOR, LLC. DCOR, LLC made initial notifications of 30 gallons of high-gravity crude oil spilled from the platform, to oil spill regulators at 8 a.m. yesterday after discovering a sheen near the platform. At 6 a.m. Monday morning, DCOR recalculated its initial estimate made follow-up notifications.

Earlier Monday, OSPR deployed its field response team consisting of an environmental scientist, a warden and an oil spill prevention specialist. The Oiled Wildlife Care Network has been notified and activated two search and recovery teams to conduct wildlife reconnaissance.

At this point, there have been no reports of impacted wildlife as a result of this incident. OSPR conducted an over flight of the impacted area at 10 a.m. this morning. Responding agencies will continue to monitor the situation.

To report sightings of oiled wildlife, please call 877-UCD-OWCN (877-823-6926)

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